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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Please provide the following information which I outline below. If you do not hold the information please advise if it is held elsewhere. If only partial information is held then please provide that.

In this request I will make reference to neuromuscular conditions, muscular dystrophy, and Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

For the purposes of this request:

- Neuromuscular conditions refer to any such conditions, including all types of Muscular dystrophy;***
- Muscular dystrophy refers to all such conditions including Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and***
- Duchenne muscular dystrophy refers only to that specific condition***

1. Please provide information on the **total number of unplanned admissions** to your Trust for patients with the following conditions broken down by hospital (where appropriate) and by calendar year since 2011 including data for 2017 to date. If you hold data by financial year then that is acceptable also:

- a. Neuromuscular conditions
- b. Muscular dystrophies
- c. Duchenne muscular dystrophy

<i>2013 onwards only - 2017 to date</i>						
Condition	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
G710 - Muscular dystrophy	8	11	6	10	8	43
G711 - Myotonic disorders	7	4	3	4	2	20
G712 - Congenital myopathies	2		2	6		10
Grand Total	17	15	11	20	10	73

2. Please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the unplanned admissions e.g. Accident, breathing problems, etc – this should be broken down by the relevant data sets that you hold, broken down by hospital (where appropriate) and by calendar year since 2011 including data for 2017 to date. If you hold data by financial year then that is acceptable also.

<i>2013 onwards only - 2017 to date</i>						
Primary Diagnosis	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
Acute bronchiolitis, unspecified	1					1
Acute subendocardial myocardial infarction					1	1
Anal abscess		1				1
Asthma, unspecified		1				1
Atrial fibrillation and flutter	1					1
Autoimmune hepatitis			1			1
Brachial plexus disorders			1			1
Chest pain, unspecified	1					1
Chronic respiratory failure				1		1
Congestive heart failure	1					1
Constipation		1		1		2
Cutaneous abscess, furuncle and carbuncle of trunk				1		1
Dizziness and giddiness					1	1
Effusion of joint				1		1
Flatulence and related conditions			1			1
Fracture of lumbar vertebra					1	1
Fracture of upper end of tibia	1					1
Gastrointestinal haemorrhage, unspecified				1		1
Generalized idiopathic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes				1	1	2
Haemorrhage and haematoma complicating a procedure, not elsewhere classified				1		1
Injury of flexor muscle and tendon of other finger at wrist and hand level				1		1
Lobar pneumonia, unspecified		3		1	1	5
Low back pain					1	1
Mechanical complication of cardiac electronic device		1				1
Muscular dystrophy		1	1	1		3
Orchitis, epididymitis and epididymo-orchitis without abscess		1				1

Other and unspecified symptoms and signs involving the nervous and musculoskeletal systems	1					1
Other chest pain	1					1
Other ill-defined heart diseases		1				1
Other specified diseases of intestine					1	1
Pain localized to other parts of lower abdomen				1		1
Pertrochanteric fracture	1					1
Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of other deep vessels of lower extremities	1	1				2
Pneumonitis due to food and vomit	1		1		1	3
Poisoning: Other opioids	1	1				2
Predominantly allergic asthma			1			1
Respiratory failure, unspecified					1	1
Sepsis, unspecified			1	1		2
Seropositive rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified	1					1
Sprain and strain of ankle				1		1
Syncope and collapse	1	1		1	1	4
Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection	2	2	3	4		11
Unspecified injury of hip and thigh	1					1
Urinary tract infection, site not specified			1	1		2
Viral infection, unspecified	1					1
Viral meningitis, unspecified				1		1
Grand Total	17	15	11	20	10	73

3. *Please provide the following outcomes broken down by the same hospitals (as appropriate), calendar (or financial) years for each condition as detailed above:*

- a. *Discharged from A&E*
- b. *Admitted to hospital and subsequently discharged*
- c. *Died*

2013 onwards only - 2017 to date

Discharge Method	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Grand Total
Normal	17	14	9	19	9	68
Patient died		1	2	1	1	5
Grand Total	17	15	11	20	10	73

4. *Please provide a breakdown of unexpected deaths of patients in your Trust broken down by the above conditions and by the same hospitals (as appropriate), and by calendar (or financial) years.*

2013 onwards only - 2017 to date

This data relates to patients that have died in Hospital - BI unable to confirm if they were unexpected

Admission Method	Discharge Method	Primary Diagnosis	Prim Diag Desc	Discharge Year	Muscular Dystrophy Code
EMERGENCY A+E	Pt died	J181	Lobar pneumonia, unspecified	2014	G711
EMERGENCY A+E	Pt died	A419	Sepsis, unspecified	2015	G711
EMERGENCY A+E	Pt died	J22X	Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection	2015	G710
AAA/SAU WARD CLINIC	Pt died	R103	Pain localized to other parts of lower abdomen	2016	G710
EMERGENCY A+E	Pt died	J690	Pneumonitis due to food and vomit	2017	G711

5. *Please provide details of any changes that your Trust has made to care and other policies as a result of unexpected deaths of patients with the referenced conditions in the time period stated.*

Unfortunately we do not hold this information, whilst we look at unexpected deaths, we don't keep information specific to such diagnostic groupings.

6. *Please provide a copy of the protocols to be followed by all paramedic, ambulance and A&E staff dealing with an unplanned admission of a patient with one of the specified conditions.*

Unfortunately we are unable to provide any protocols followed by paramedics or ambulance staff, please use the link/postal address below:

<http://www.nwas.nhs.uk/talking-to-us/freedom-of-information/#.WXbtaGA2zcs>

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7. *Please provide details of adaptations provided by hospitals in your trust for persons with neuromuscular (and other) conditions who may not be ambulant, or who may be unable to lift items such as cutlery, press buttons etc. For example, provision of hoists, wash/dry toilets, adapted call buttons; intercom systems; modified cutlery; provision of staff to feed a patient who is unable to do so him or herself due to muscle wasting.*

The Trust has hoists available across the organisation and there are stretcher attachments for some of those hoists which allow for flat lifting if necessary. The Trust does not have wash dry toilets, our nursing staff assist with personal hygiene needs. We do not have patient intercoms we have the nurse call buzzers and nurses available in each area.

There is a supply of adaptive cutlery, plastazote tubing and Dycem which can be utilised by patients with these difficulties.

8. *Please provide details of the procedures hospitals in your trust follow if a physiotherapist is required at night for persons who have a neuromuscular condition, especially if physiotherapists are not normally on duty in the night.*

An out-of-hours evening on-call service is available on the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary site from 4pm – 8am each evening. There is no evening on-call service on the Wrightington or Leigh sites. Physiotherapists are called into patients (who may be at risk of deterioration / who have deteriorated) based on Clinical need.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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